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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, MILI, TH

SUBJECT: SOYBEANS

REF: A) BANGKOK 538; B) STATE 12790; C) BANGKOK 1216

1. DENNIS DOOLIN GAVE US STRONG SUPPORT IN TRYING TO GAIN DOD APPROVAL FOR NONREIMBURSEABLE SPACE-AVAILABLE AIR SHIPMENT OF SOYBEANS FOR THE SUPREME COMMAND PROJECT IN NORTH THAILAND. JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE LAST SUNDAY, HOWEVER, HE TOLD ME HE HAD JUST TALKED WITH WASHINGTON AND HAD TO REPORT THAT THERE SEEMED NO WAY TO HANDLE THIS THROUGH DOD. I ALSO DISCUSSED THIS AT SOME LENGTH WITH GENERAL O'KEEFE AT USSAG LAST WEEK; ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THERE IS UNUSED SPACE AVAILABLE ON THE KC 135 TANKERS ROTATING THROUGH UTAPAO, HE REAFFIRMED THAT HE HAD FOUND NO WAY THAT SAC COULD HELP US WITHOUT DOD AUTHORIZATION.

2. WE ARE NOW HARD UP AGAINST THE PLANTING DEADLINE, WITH KRIANGSAK READING OUR REACTION TO HIS LONG-STANDING REQUEST AS A TOUCHSTONE OF OUR WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO MEET EXTRAORDINARY REQUESTS FROM OUR THAI HOSTS. THE US MILITARY GRATUITOUSLY GOT US INTO THIS HASSLE WELL BEFORE MY ARRIVAL AND HAS NOW LET US DOWN, DESPITE THE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS THEY RECEIVE FROM OUR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONS WITH SUPREME COMMAND. THE ISSUE  
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OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOYBEAN PROJECT HAS NOW BECOME A QUESTION OF

THE GOOD FAITH OF THE US GOVERNMENT.

3. RELUCTANTLY I CONCLUDE THAT WE MUST PURSUE THE AVENUE  
YOU SUGGESTED (REF B) AND SEEK SOME OTHER FUNDS, PERHAPS FROM  
NARCOTICS PROGRAMS, FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY SHIPMENT. IN ADDITION  
TO OUR REF C, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY RETURN CABLE WHETHER FURTHER  
JUSTIFICATION, OR STATEMENT FROM SUPREME COMMAND WOULD BE  
REQUIRED TO SUPPORT IMMEDIATE ACTION TO START AT LEAST SOME OF  
THESE SOYBEAN SEEDS MOVING TO THAILAND AND JUSTIFY THE USE OF  
NARCOTICS MONEY FOR THIS PURPOSE. STILL BELIEVE THE USG HAS THE  
CAPACITY TO HONOR A COMMITMENT MADE ALMOST THREE MONTHS AGO IN  
ITS BEHALF BY A SENIOR US REPRESENTATIVE.  
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